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THE CRIME NEWS

How many times lately have you picked up the newspaper to see splashed prominently across the front page, news of a number of terrible crimes? And you probably saw some pretty rugged pictures too.

This has long been common practice in metropolitan papers and it is justified as truthful reporting of ALL the news. A great case can be built for impartially reporting all the news. But we should also remember two things. in this connection.

First, not all the news is fit to print And, secondly, sensational coverage and overplay of the lurid or debased can have a poor effect in a community, especially a small town community.

Some will say that this is a weak-kneed position or a lily-white idealism, which is tantamount to not being ready to face facts. But we should remember that there is enough unpleasantness in this world, enough tragedy, and enough sadness, without over emphasis of what we encounter.

And too many newspapers play up the sordid in prenerence to the uplifting. If there is an inspirational story, of heroism, sacrifice, unselfishness or love, does it get the front-page splash some wicked event rates? Too often it is only a feature, while a diabolical crime is front-page news.

All of us are influenced by what we see and read. If we dwell on the depressive, the depraved, we do not have the time we otherwise would have to devote to the optimistic, uplifting and happy side of life. Every day each of us should decide to face the events of that day with a smile, with a constructive effort, and with the hope that we can accomplish some good. It helps if we are inspired along the way, a little bit, maybe, by what we read in the newspapers.

Such crime must be reported. But let us keep foremost things foremost. Let us dwell on, and emphasize, the constructive, the morally uplifting, the inspirational. Let us all think more about the wonderful things, the gratifying things, the satisfying and spiritually rewarding things. Let us, in other words, start out each day thinking positively. It does pay, and the effect rubs off on others around us.

MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

March anniversaries of note include the anniversary of the patenting of the cotton gin by Eli Whitney, on March 14th 1792.

In 1802, on March 16th, West Point Academy was founded and on that same day James Madison was born in 1751, at Fort Conway, Virginia. The next day is St. Patrick's Day. the anniversary of his death being March 17, 493. Interestingly, St. Patrick's Day is celebrated by those of all faiths, to some degree, and the first president of the Friendly Sons of St. Patrick in New York was Presbyterian.

On March 18th, this year, we remember the birthday of Grover Cleveland, who was both the twenty second and twenty-fourth President of the United States. Cleveland was born in Caldwell, New Jersey, in 1837, the son of the Reverand Richard Cleveland. Cleveland was one of the country's great presidents, and was held in high esteem by President Taft and other great Opposition leaders of his day.

On the 19th of March we recall that the Stamp Act was repealed in 1766, and that on this day at Salem, Illinois, on March 19, 1860. William Jennings Bryan was born. David Livingstone, the great explorer, was born in 1813 on this day.

Spring begins on March 20th this year. From this time onward, until late September the days will be longer than the nights, reaching a peak of daylight on June 21st, which is the first day of Summer.

The next day, March 21st, is also remembered as the day, in 1629, when Governor Carver, of the Plymouth Colony, made the first Indian Treaty in the thirteen colonies.

IKE AND FIVE STARS

President John F. Kennedy has proposed to Congress that the former five-star rank of Dwight D. Eisenhower's be returned to the ex-President. The two armed services committees of Congress will consider the request.

The five-star rank is unique in the history of U. S. military operations. General John J. Pershing was the first man to attain that rank. In World War 11 Congress bestowed it on five more Army officers, Eisenhower, Douglas MacArthur, Omar Bradley, H. H. Arnold and George C. Marshall.

Eisenhower resigned his cherished five-star rank when he entered the political scene in 1952. And although retired United States Presidents now have an adequate "retirement" the former President would like to have back his Army rank—and deserves it.

Former Presidents are given $25,000 per year salary, federal office space, an allowance of $50,000 a year for help, and other considerations. Five-star generals, retired, are also well provided for, but since federal law prohibits the retention of two federal salaries the restoration of rank to Eisenhower would not provide him with additional income.

It would enable him to use military medical facilities and to have his old rank back, and certainly there can be no objection to this from any quarter.

KNOW THE WEATHER

By E. H. Sims

Why is lightning seldom heard during the mid-winter months?

Lightning is an electrical discharge. It is a child of turbulent building clouds — most often the thunderhead.

Winter clouds are usually of the stratus variety, from the north, and they seldom produce lightning. They do not usually contain high-velocity updrafts and downdrafts, which produce a rapid transfer of electrically charged particles.

It is often said that the first lightning storm of spring is the true herald of the season and this is sometimes true. It means that warm weather clouds have formed and passed over, or nearby.

When politicians agree, the angels may rejoice, but the voters just wonder what's cooking. —Boston Globe.

A conference is an organized way of postponing a decision. —Banking.

Appomattox is a growing town.

4-H CLUB MEETING

Mrs. Gordon's 4th grade 4-H held its regular meeting on 9th. The song leaders led songs, and then Mr. James showed a film on 4-H camp. members then worked on their books.

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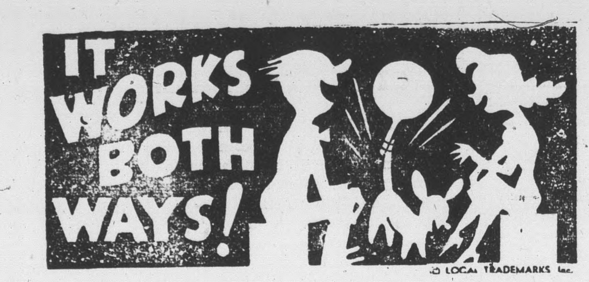

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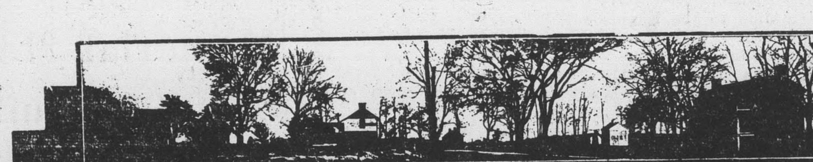

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Hixburg

Hixburg, March 14.- Dr. Edward Wooldridge is taking his vacation in Florida. On Saturday he left in his car with Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Fore, Jr., and Mr. and Mrs. Walker Young, all of Farmville, for a visit with friends in Fort Pierce,, Florida. They are to return on Thursday.

Mrs. Louis Flinn, two sons, and her mother, Mrs. Pat McPhillips, of Catharpin, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ed McPhillips from Friday until Monday.

Mrs. Susie Coleman Covington is still in the hospital in Farmville. Her condition remains about the same.

Dr. Twyman Williams, who underwent surgery at Stuart Circle Hospital in Richmond on Wednesday, is reported to be convelescing satisfactorily.

Cdr. Patrick Lair has had another check-up. He is much better, and is getting around all right with a cane.

Mr. and Mrs. Rob Martin had a good day in Richmond on Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Blacock, and two children, of Norfolk, were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Alley last week.

Miss Carrie Hix was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Harwood, Jr. in Appomattox from Wednesday until Saturday.

Mr. John Wilson Hix and family attended the wedding of his brother-in-law, Mr. Russell Oliver, and Mrs. Christine Bailey on Saturday, March 11, at Altavista. Mr. and Mrs. Oliver left for a Florida vacation.

Mr. Harwood Hix, who is living in Salisbury, Maryland, has been ordered to Norfolk, to begin work on April 3. The Hixes are happy to be nearer home.

Back in Marion College is Louella Martin. She is feeling all right, but is working hard to make up back tests.

Mrs. Helen Bigoney Shouse, of Hillandale Farm, Appomattox, assisted by the Guild of St. Ann's Episcopal Church entertained on Sunday afternoon from 3:30 to 6:00 o'clock in honor of Mr. Hubert Gurney and sons. Mr. Gurney has been superintendent of Appomattox Court House National Historical Park since 1940. He has recently been made Historian of all National Parks in the Southeastern area of the United States, with headquarters in Richmond.

Homemake Items

Current fads and fashions can play a big part when you're building a house.

And Miss Mary Settle, housing specialist at Virginia Polytechnic Institute, says fashion changes in houses should offer style features designed to give pleasure and satisfaction to many people for the life of each house. Builders sometimes adopt fashions in houses just to have something new or different --"so watch it ," Miss Settle advises.

Many house fashions are obvious to the passerby. The traveler in Virginia, for instance, can see some definite fashions related to different periods in the past. Certain house fashions were more popular in one part of the state than in another.

Houses built in colonial times, or in the 18th and early 19th century, are still valued and admired today. These houses were built, designed with simple lines, without faddish decorative features.

Until recent years in this part of the country most houses were two-story. Some were one-and-a-half story, but only a few had just one story. The two story houses tended at first to be rectangular. Then, as families grew, many houses were enlarged by adding another rectangle at the back of the house, changing it to the familair "T" or "L" shape.

At some time, apparently in the latter part of the last century, it became the fashion to add porches on one or both sides of the two-story house. In Virginia the porches were built on many houses for the second floor as well as the first. The second floor porch sometimes provided the only passage from one room to another and so was used in place of an inside hall. But people learned that porches were expensive to maintain and were comfortaby useful for only a small part of the year. Many porches have now been removed from old houses to improve appearance and reduce maintenance coats. During the 1940's and 1950's relatively few houses had a porch, except perhaps a small one or two to protect house entrances. Now porches are regaining some popularity, but in sizes and shapes designed for practical and comfortable uses.

In recent years house builders have brought to the east the fashion for one-story ranch or rambler houses, previously used widely in western states.

In the future, Miss Settle believes people will look back upon the 1950's as "the period of the picture window fad" — the period during which builders with exaggerated zeal managed to get a picture window installed in almost every new house, and many old ones.

Colored Dots

The Carver-Price Girls' Basketball team won the championship in the District II, Group II, V. I. A. Basketball Tournament held at Nelson High School last Saturday. For the first time in the history of the school has a championship been won. Five schools participated in the tournament. A hard-playing team defeated Luther Foster High, of Blackstone 57-33 in the finals. In the semi-finals the Carver-Price girls defeated Buckingham 40-30, with Beatrice James' high scoring of 21 points bringing the team from behind in the third quarter.

In the season's standing, Carver-Price girls stood in first place with seven wins and one loss. The swift, skillful maneuvering of the forwards and guards in all games resulted in the first place ranking.

Beatrice James, co-captain, won the distinction of being selected by Tournament officials and coaches as the Most Outstanding Player at the tournament, and received a beautiful trophy.

Members of the Carver-Price Girls' Team who were voted by officials as members of the All Tournament Team for their outstanding playing were Beatrice James and Roberta Ferguson.

Two beautiful trophier were brought back for the school trophy case, one for the championship in District II, and the other for the season's standing in eight games played.

Mrs. H. P. James, Coach, stated the team had displayed fine sportsmanship and had the spirit of champions.

Members of the team for 1961 are: Beatrice James, co-captain and forward; Mildred Johnson, co-captain and guard; Yvonne Johnson and Roberta Ferguson, forwards; Kate Jones and Winnie Harvey, guards; Joeann Megginson, Emma Hancock and Frances Gafford, forwards; Joan Turner, Rita Jones, Carol Andrews, Nancy Moore, and Linda Harvey, guards.

QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

(Editor's note: Here are some questions asked by Virginia farmers during the past week, as reported by county agricultural agents. Staff members of the VPI Agricultural Extension Service and/or Experiment Station supply the answers.)

Q. What is the latest date or stage of growth to apply nitrogen top-dressing on small grain.

A. Topdress by March 15 if possible, and certainly not after the small grain begins to shoot.

Q. What is the best variety of hybrid corn for western Virginia

A. It depends on use, disease situation, other factors, Several hybrid varieties are recommended, and are good, for each area of the state. Your county agent has a list of recommended varieties.

Q. Is it too late to seed spring oats?

A. Seed any time in March and up until April 1 in Piedmont, and up to April 10 west of the Blue Ridge. Spring oats are not recommended in eastern Virginia.

Q. What can I pay for feeder cattle this spring and hope to make money this fall?

A. Fall prices will be about same as they were last year. Usually an average price drop of about 4c a pound occurs between spring and fall, and the difference has to be made up in "cheap gains."

Q. What average price is expected for hogs during 1961?

A. Around 17c per pound.

Q. What per cent of the hogs slaughtered in Virginia are produced on farms in Virginia?

A. Only about 28 per cent.

Q. Should I sell my steers this spring or keep them over for the fall yearling sales. I have good pasture. The steers now grade choice and good and weigh 500 to 600 pounds.

A. If you have plenty of good pasture, keep them for the fall sales.

Q. I have a poor stand of barley. Can I interplant oats?

A. It would be better, if the stand is very poor, to disk and make a full seeding of oats.

HEPTACHLOR RESIDUES

Last fall 200 samples of alfalfa hay were obtained from farms throughout the state to determine the extent of heptachlor and heptachlor eposide residues. These samples have been analyzed, and as anticipated, some contamination was found.

Residues on current inventories of alfalfa are attributable to the treatments applied in the spring of 1960 or prior, to June 1960. Indications are that high residues occurred because heptachlor was applied at rates greater or later than recommended. Under no condition should heptachlor be applied to alfalfa this spring. This is for the growers protection as well as the public.

Farmers who may wish to have samples of hay analyzed can obtain information from the county agent's office. Spring weevil control recommendations are also available from the county agent's office.

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